

Receipt date: 10/02/2009

924622_1
MBS/CMC/cb
October 2, 2009

OK TO ENTER: /INM/

10/13/2009

10606948 - GAU: 2463
PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney's Docket No.: 2376.2007-001 (PB 08 0018)
Expedited Procedure under 37 CFR § 1.116
Examining Group 2416

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chris R. Zettinger, Mark Boduch and Robert R. Ward

Application No.: 10/606,948

Group: 2416

Filed: June 25, 2003

Examiner: Ian N. Moore

Confirmation No: 4417

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROTECTION SWITCHING
IN A NETWORK (As Amended)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on:	
_____ Date _____	_____ Signature _____
_____ Typed or printed name of person signing certificate	

REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2009, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Because this Reply after Final Rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests an Advisory Action under MPEP 706.07(f)(I)(C).

Please amend the application as follows: